AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of the current set of claims is given below.

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) A method for producing at least one test piece for testing an adhesive joint, comprising:

(a) providing at least two joining parts, each joining part comprising at least one joining edge and at least one projection formed integrally to the joining part and having a test edge;

(b) positioning the joining parts so that at least one joining edge and at least one test edge of each joining part overlap at least partially;

(c) forming the adhesive joint in a region between at least one joining edge and at least one test edge of the joining parts;

(d) severing at least one of the joined projections from the joining parts;

(e) providing at least one of the severed projections as a test piece; and

(f) providing at least one of the severed joining parts for non-test purposes.

7. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the severed test piece is divided into a plurality of test piece sections.

8. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the adhesive joint is formed along a single edge comprising a joining edge and a test edge of each joining part.

9. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the adhesive joint is formed along a single edge comprising a joining edge and a test edge of each joining part.

10. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein at least one adhesive seam is formed by the adhesive joint.

11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein step (d) comprises severing the projections substantially perpendicularly to the adhesive seam.

12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the joining parts comprise a fiber reinforced material.

13. (Previously presented) A method for evaluating an adhesive joint formed between two parts of an assembly, comprising:

(a) providing the two parts, each part comprising a projection;

(b) positioning the parts so that at least a portion of the parts overlap, the overlapping portions including at least a portion of the projections;

(c) forming the adhesive joint in a region between the overlapping portions;

(d) severing the joined projections from the joined parts; and

(e) testing the adhesive joint formed between the severed projections to determine the properties of the adhesive joint formed between the joined parts.

14. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the joined projections are divided into a plurality of test piece sections.

15. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the adhesive joint is formed along a single edge of each part, the single edge extending along at least a portion of the projection of each part.

16. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein at least one adhesive seam is formed by the adhesive joint.

17. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein step (d) comprises severing the joined projections substantially perpendicularly to an adhesive seam.

18. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the joining parts comprise a fiber reinforced material.